

**The Malayalam Improvement Committee—
income and expenditure.**

210. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what approximate yearly income there is in all for the Malayalam Improvement Committee;

(b) what amount is spent on establishment yearly out of that income?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) Between Rs. 1,450 and Rs. 1,500.

(b) Rs. 660.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Does this amount take in the necessary expenditure for the T. A. of Members and other office expenses like that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is only establishment charges.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Office expenses and T. A. will have to be added on as money is expended. What will be left for the real improvement of the Malayalam language?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It varies from year to year. It will not be considerable.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government give us some idea about the work done by this Committee?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The work of the Committee is included in their reports to Government and it is not possible to give it here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How do you improve the language?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In many ways.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know where from the amount is realised?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is the interest on endowments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are they doing any research work?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Research must be part of the work.

Mattancheri Male Hospital—extension of.

211. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the progress made in the matter of providing the Male Hospital in Mattancheri and when do they expect to complete the scheme;

(b) what are the reasons for such protracted delay in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The outpatient building and a Store room have been completed. The main ward has been sanctioned and the work given on contract. This will be completed say within 18 months.

(b) The reason for not starting the main ward is that there was a proposal to acquire some more land between the original site acquired for it and the backwater. This acquisition was over only recently.

Advertisement of the articles produced in Government Industrial Trade Schools.

212. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government to advertise the articles produced in the Government Industrial Trade Schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Government have arranged with the Secretary, Board of Industrial and Rural Development, Madras, to popularise all Cochin products both through their Central Museum and the exhibition which they would organise.

(2) Industrial Schools are also participating in the several exhibitions held both in and outside the State.

Mr. C. R. Iyyannil.—May I take that no other steps have been taken so far for popularising Cochin products?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A small amount of money is being paid. The original grant was Rs. 750 per year. It is now being changed to Rs. 100 a month.

Mr. C. R. Iyyannil.—As a result of this popularisation have they been able to sell Cochin products?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have sold certain number of articles sent by the agency here. But the greater benefit had been in a different direction. We know what exactly are the articles that could be sold, what all wares could be sold.

Mr. A. V. Moothalan.—Does the Government propose to advertise these articles in foreign papers?